

BUDDHISM THE SUBJECT OF A LECTURE IN JAPANESE

Colonel Olcott at the Temple of Buddha.

THEOSOPHIST TO A BIG AUDIENCE

Used Them To Refuse Christianity and Stick To Their Own Gods.

COLONEL H. S. OLCOTT, the father of modern theosophy, delivered an address upon Buddhism yesterday afternoon. Spoken within the walls of an edifice dedicated by the Japanese residents of Honolulu to the worship of Buddha and with hundreds of the followers of Buddha in the audience, Colonel Olcott stood amid surroundings which were peculiarly adapted to the subject and the faith which he has adopted and cherished as his own for the past twenty-seven years. The little temple has a severe yet ornate interior in which the symbols of Buddhism were apparent on every hand. The shrine, gilded and partly-hooded, sacred to the holy presence of Buddha, was partially hidden from the view of the audience by semi-transparent bamboo screens, and before this was placed a covered table and platform from which the big theosophist delivered his address. The greater part of the audience was Japanese. There were many foreigners present, some out of mere curiosity, to listen to the great lecturer, others to learn more of a creed which they have studied and in which they have belief. Colonel Olcott spoke earnestly upon his theme. The Japanese were advised not to give up the religion of Buddha for another religion which they were told to believe, as the lecturer said, although they could not understand. He compared Buddhism and the religion of Christ to the story of Aladdin and his wonderful lamp. Christianity was likened to the evil magician in the story who exchanged new lamps for old. Buddhism was an old lamp which had been tried and found satisfactory. The new lamps which the Christians wished to exchange were to be accepted, untried and unknown. The pleasures of life which the Buddhists received from their religion were much the same as the benefits Aladdin received by the mere rubbing of his lamp.

The Japanese auditors broke into loud and prolonged applause when the theosophist delivered himself of his opinion as to the relative benefits of the two religions.

Through an interpreter Colonel Olcott spoke to the audience in part as follows:

"I have been a professed Buddhist for twenty-seven years and I first declared my belief in my own country long before I ever saw an eastern Buddhist. So you will understand I am not saying this merely to please you or to make you think well of me, because, many, many years before some of you were born I declared myself a follower of the Lord Buddha. I had studied the different religions of the world and I found that so far as I was concerned Buddhism was the most acceptable. I found that the moral teachings contained in Buddha were as high as any teachings ever given to mankind by a sage. Then I found that Buddhism, instead of being in opposition to modern science, was in agreement with its latest discoveries.

"You know that in our most modern schools we have been taught to believe what we discover is true to inquiry and experiment. There are other religions which say if you don't believe us then you will be eternally damned. They will not allow you to believe except that as taught from a certain book. How is a person who has been educated in our modern schools to accept a doctrine like that? My mind was so constituted that I could not believe anything I was told to believe without getting proofs. Then when I came to look at these religions I found that the Lord Buddha had expressly preached a sermon upon that very point, called the Kalama Sutra, given to the Kalama tribe in India."

The learned theosophist then told the story of Buddha when traveling in India and how he asked the tribesmen questions as to how they knew the truth from the false religions. He dilated upon stealing, gambling and drinking as bad things and not taught by the sages. The sacred books told them to eschew these habits. It was the knowledge of these things which were taught them which enabled the people to know the difference between the good and the bad.

"Suppose a man came here," continued Col. Olcott, "and said an animal out there was an ass when you knew it was a buffalo, and he said to you if you don't believe it is an ass you will be burned in hell? How can you believe it when your own experience tells you differently? That is what is called a false religion—something that does not coincide with your own inquiry."

"You know why I have called myself a Buddhist? Because I found that this religion did not ask me to believe any absurd teachings that might be offered. There are thousands of people who make it a business to persuade Buddhists to leave their religion and take another one. But I advise you to be very careful how you give up your religion until you know something of its value. Now there is a story of a wicked magician who wanted to get possession of a certain wonderful lamp. If you rubbed it gently would come and you could order them to bring you anything you wanted—riches, happiness



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and all. His nephew got possession of the lamp, the good brought him a palace, he wedded the emperor's daughter. The magician disguised himself as a seller of lamps and came to this palace while the nephew was away. He exchanged a new lamp for the old one and immediately the palace and princess were carried away to a desert. Buddhism is the magic lamp, for when a man takes that and keeps it in his house and rubs it, all good influences come to him; he walks in the path of wisdom and knows how to love his country and be a good man or woman. It is a precious thing to keep in your house.

"Beware of these people who come around with a new lamp and ask you to give up your old one. If you do you will lose your happiness, your friends, and will get in exchange for that something that is not good. Buddhism teaches us that the things which belong to this lower physical life are not so important as the things which belong to the highest or spiritual life. For example, suppose some one offers you a jewel and another person offers you happiness. No one will take the jewel when happiness can be obtained. Happiness belongs to the requirement of virtue. We see everywhere in the world unhappiness, suffering and things which give sorrow. What is the cause of this? It is ignorance, because when we are ignorant we are continually doing things which make us unhappy. Through ignorance we will be dishonest, low and vile, and we bring upon us our punishment. Through ignorance we acquire the habit of drink and its resultant misery, and we gamble. I am afraid from what I hear that the Japanese people in this country are not living as good lives as they did in Japan, they are drinking and gambling. Drive away this ignorance and get wisdom, dispel ignorance and learn what to do, and then have the courage to do it.

"I think the Japanese here have done a very wise thing to subscribe to put up this temple, because this is a temple where the philosophy of our religion will be taught, and they will have some place to remind them of their own home and country. It is a good thing. Before this temple was built you were a scattered people. This is Japan brought to Hawaii."

The speaker thanked the Buddhists of Honolulu for their subscription of \$150 which was sent to India to aid the famine-stricken people. Col. Olcott personally placed the money in the hands of a Prince in Fugart, who said to be able to thank them for their noble gift.

"I have," he continued, "been satisfied with Buddhism for twenty-seven years, and my advice to you is to keep to Buddhism, for it is the best religion for your purposes. There are two different schools of Buddhism—the Northern and Southern. The Japanese belong to the Northern; the Ceylonese, Burmese and Siamese to the Southern. These two schools, like all different religious sects, taught different things. Buddhism was introduced to the world 2,500 years ago, and since that time there has been no union between them, but although they differed in their teachings only in detail, yet they were all one family under the Lord Sakiam. As I was a Buddhist, I wanted to see my brethren of the North and South united. I found some points upon which they could stand together like brothers. By studying both the teachings I was able to find plenty of things in which they were perfectly agreed. I wrote these out, had them translated into the different languages and called together a council of the great priests, who discussed them. Now we have a platform upon which the whole Buddhist family can stand united. Then there was another thing by which we were united. That flag which you see floating over this temple, pointing to a huge flag of blue, yellow, red, white and magenta stripes, was introduced by myself into Japan, and the Emperor accepted it. The priests studied it and found the colors were the right ones to be chosen, and so everywhere I went in Japan the flag was put up side by side with the Japanese national flag. It is a symbol of Buddha, and every Buddhist in the world can accept it as his flag. I want each of you to have a little flag like that in your house, so you may have before you the holy light of Buddha represented always. There may be people who will abuse you. Those who don't believe in our religion will insult you, but don't have the feeling of striking back, because we are taught to respect the opinions of our neighbors. So be kind and forbearing to people of other religions and remember we are all one family of mankind, Ohaysa."

In the hall beneath the shrine-room tables covered with delicious pastry, fruits and Japanese oddities of cookery awaited the distinguished lecturer, the Buddhist priests, theosophists and invited ones. The feast was partaken of with relish by all, and the Buddhists warmly thanked for their generous hospitality.

On Saturday night the Chinese put up the shutters on their places of business, which will practically remain closed until the end of the celebration. The for the festivities so dear to the Chinese hearts, Chinese Bibles, bordered the arms of happy buyers and these will be among the many gay decorations which will adorn the living-room of every Chinese in Honolulu. The celebration this year will be a large one by reason of the failure last year to have an opportunity to make much of it on account of the plague quarantine.

CHINESE RESIDENTS ARE PREPARED TO CELEBRATE

Explosions of firecrackers and displays of pyrotechnics early this morning will mark the commencement of Chinese New Year's. Owing to a difference of opinion between the Reformers and the Chinese Government, as represented by Consul Yang Wei Pin, the celebration of the former faction will commence this morning and that of the Consul and his adherents tomorrow. On account of the reverses which the Chinese Empire has met with in the past eight or nine months the Consul will forego throwing open the Consulate for an official reception tomorrow, and will only receive a few friends informally. The Government band, which was offered to the Consul, will therefore not play at his residence.

A gay reception will be given today at the club house of the Chinese United Societies on King street near Nuuanu from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. To this have been invited Governor Dole, the Consul Corps, members of the United States and Territorial Governments, Army and Navy officers, as well as the friends of the members of the several societies which make use of the club house. These functions in the past have always been famous for their open-hearted hospitality and few miss an opportunity to respond to the invitation. Refreshments of various kinds will be plentiful.

At the club room of the Bow Wong Wui, on Kukui street and College lane, a reception will be tendered from 2 p. m. until 11 a. m. A bounteous supply of eatables will form one of the features at this reception, and Oriental edibles will vie with those of the Occident, as the members of the Bow Wongs expect large numbers of white friends, as well as of their own race.

SPORT OF WORLD.

Events of a Week As Told In Brief.

TOD SLOAN THE LOSER AT 'FRISCO

Tommy Cox Matched To Fight Tom Herman—News of Turf and Ring.

THE following is a condensation of the sport news of the world contained in the Mainland newspapers from February 3 to 9, inclusive:

The great four-cornered mile race at Tanforan Park between Cannore, Articulate, Rolling Boer and Brutal resulted in a win for Cannore. The others finished as named. The race was deprived of its interest by a combination on the part of the other jockeys to beat Sloan, who rode Articulate. Bedeck won a race recently at Tanforan Park at odds of 60 to 1.

Memphis is to become a great racing and training center for harness horses. Within the next few months a track, grand stand, stables and a club house will be erected and stake events rivaling in value those of any other prominent racing association will be announced for a meeting to be given next fall.

Tommy Atkins, Foxhall Keene's great 3-year-old colt, died in London just after being shipped from a voyage from New York. Tommy Atkins was looked upon as a probable winner of the Paris Grand Prix. The horse was one of the acknowledged cracks of the American turf.

The good 3-year-old colt Tyr, by Kingston, was cut down badly in a race at Tanforan Park recently and had to be destroyed.

Mounce, the Idaho jockey, has signed to ride for August Belmont. Volante, one of the best race horses bred in California, was recently sold for \$21 and is now drawing a cart.

The owner of Imp has decided to race the old mare another season. A special race has been made at a mile for \$1,000 between Articulate with Sloan up and Cannore with Burns up.

A great racing war is raging between the San Francisco Jockey Club and the California Jockey Club. The Tanforan executive has announced a handicap race for horses entered in the Burns handicap, which will be worth at least \$13,000. An edict has also been issued that horses racing at Oakland will be barred at Tanforan.

King Edward will lease his horses in training to the Duke of Devonshire. Tod Sloan has purchased The Lady for \$7,500 and Credo, the best jumper in California. He has also secured the refusal of Joe Frey. He intends to race at Tanforan and in the East.

G. S. McKenzies Socialist ran unplaced in a one mile and a sixteenth mile race at Tanforan Park on the 14th inst. The track was slushy.

At the Pacific Coast amateur boxing championship tournament held in San Francisco, the Olympic Club took three championships, the San Francisco Athletic Club three and the Pacific Athletic Club one.

Matty Matthews, the welterweight champion of the world, has been matched to fight Eddie Kennedy of Pittsburgh at the end of this month.

Tommy Cox has been matched to fight fifteen rounds with Tom Herman before the Reliance Athletic Club of Oakland.

Colonel Ream of the Second Ohio regiment has been notified that his regiment will be called upon to go to Cincinnati in case troops are used to prevent the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight.

Toby Irwin, the 118-pound champion of the Pacific Coast, defeated Larry Glasgow of Chicago after twenty rounds of fierce fighting.

George Dixon and Harry Lyons fought a twenty-round draw at Baltimore.

George McFadden will fight Tad Hawkins in San Francisco on February 28.

Matty Matthews has been matched to fight Otto Cribb of Australia for the welterweight championship of the world.

Young Peter Jackson knocked out Eddie Crook of Chicago in twelve rounds in Kane county, Illinois.

Eddie K. Morris of San Francisco knocked out Young Wolcott of New York in seventeen rounds at Galena, Kansas.

Oscar Gardner of Wheeling and Johnny Burns of New York fought a twenty-two round draw on February 8th.

Dave Barry, lightweight champion of Canada, gained the decision over Rufe Turner, lightweight champion of the Pacific Coast, in a ten-round contest at Denver.

Dave Barry, lightweight champion of Canada, has been matched to fight Kid McPartland and Fred Russell of California. Barry has been matched to fight Tom Sharkey some time next month.

Governor Nash of Ohio says that he will not permit the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight to come off in the state and the sheriff of Cincinnati has been enjoined to prevent it at all hazards.

Terry McGovern has been matched to fight Tom Hagerty of Australia, who is champion of his class in that country. The fight will take place on April 30th at 125 pounds for a purse of \$5,000.

Ho Yow, the Consul General of San Francisco, will race a string of trotters on the California circuit the coming season. His present purchases are Braw Lass, Stud Queen and Continental Count.

Over ninety names have been handed in for the great American Derby to be run on Washington Park track June 22. The Western Jockey Club has been organized in Chicago. Eight of the strongest racing associations of the West and South have already submitted to the authority of the new body.

Tom Wilson, the Pittsburgh Baseball Club's first baseman, is dead of consumption.

Arthur Duffy, the champion sprinter of two continents, was defeated by Washington Delgado, an outsider, in a sixty-yard dash run at Madison Square Garden, New York; time .06 2-5.

Orlando Stevens and William Eaton have been suspended by the National Cycling Association for unfair riding.

The Players' Protective Association has boycotted the National Baseball League.

Ernest Roeder, the American wrestler, and the French champion, Paul Pops, struggled for supremacy for one hour and seventeen minutes in Madison Square Garden. The police stopped the bout at midnight.

The Duke of Cornwall will be present at the America's cup races which begin off Santa Hook on August 20th.

The University of Nevada has challenged Stanford to a track meet.

Sir Thomas Lipton has requested that he be allowed three weeks' time in which to prepare the Challenger after her arrival at New York and also desires a one-run start.

Trainer W. W. Christie of Princeton has gone to Berkeley, Cal., where he will train the athletes of the University of California.

Franklin Austin Married
Franklin Austin was married last evening at 7 o'clock to Mrs. Amy Anderson. The wedding took place in the lecture room of Central Union church. Rev. W. M. Kincaid officiating. Only intimate friends and immediate relatives of the couple were present. Miss Florence Yarrow played Mendelssohn's wedding march. Daniel Logan, an old and intimate friend of the bride's family, gave the bride away. After felicitations and congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Austin went to the Hawaiian hotel, where they enjoyed a wedding dinner. They will leave this morning for a short honeymoon at Wailua. Mr. Austin is the brother of Auditor Austin.

SALVATIONISTS ATTACK KAUAI

Next week will be a red-letter time in the history of the Salvation Army work on Kauai. The new hall at Koloa which has been in course of erection for some time will be completed and opened. Major and Mrs. Wood, who have charge of the Hawaiian division, will go over to conduct the dedication. They will be accompanied by the members of the Army's brass band and several delegates. This will be the band's first engagement outside of Honolulu.

They will first conduct special meetings in Waiimea, Kekaha and Makawili. The dedication service will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 24, the program being as follows:

12 m.—Lunch.
1 p. m.—Open-air rally.
2 p. m.—Flag-raising, with musical exercises by the Junior Corps and formal opening of the doors.

2:15—Addressed by Rev. J. M. Lydgate, moderator of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association; pastors Kaullii, Noohuamaka, Kapa, Hanalei, Ishida and Monara, with appropriate music by the brass and string bands.

At 7:30 p. m. a tornado of salvation special revival meetings will be conducted; also every evening of the following week.

The Koloa hall is the second of its kind owned by the Army on the Islands. The first in Hilo, was opened several years ago. Major Wood states that the Army's work is much hampered in several places through the lack of proper meeting places, and he believes that before long this need will be supplied through the generosity of the friends. In Wailuku, Maui, from which place he has lately returned, the store at present occupied has got to be vacated shortly and just now no other place is in sight; if possible the Army will endeavor to secure a lot and build. He also thinks that in view of the work being done in Honolulu that a permanent hall in the center of the City should be provided for the needs of the Army.

Australia's Slow Trip.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—After a long trip of fourteen days from Tahiti the steamer Australia, which port a little before noon yesterday, was left a day late, and twice on the way to port the steamer was stopped to have repairs made to her boilers, several tubes having given out. The trip was usually made in eleven days.

Among the passengers who arrived on the Australia were G. Gallet, retiring Governor of Tahiti; Lieutenant Labarre of the French cruiser Protet; B. F. Simonds, British Consul at Tahiti, and Captain R. Bryce and twenty-two men from the wrecked ship Pyrenees. The cargo included 300 cases of copra, 35 tons of loose copra, 21,000 coconuts, 55 cases of vanilla, 256 crates of limes and 100 crates of avocados. The Australia is scheduled to sail on the return trip to Tahiti next Monday at noon.

The complete list of passengers was as follows: G. Gallet, Lieutenant Labarre, R. T. Simons, Captain Bryce, H. L. B. Wills, T. B. Severson, F. Kelly and wife, O. Winstoe, T. C. Burns, G. F. Wells and T. Maloney.

Infantrymen for Manila.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Rapid work will be necessary to prepare the transport Sheridan for sailing on the 16th. Two battalions of infantry will be taken to Manila by the Sheridan, which will sail via Honolulu. The Manila date here about February 27, is scheduled to sail for Manila on March 16.

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